

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5627

As of February 16, 2011

Title: An act relating to service members' civil relief.

Brief Description: Concerning service members' civil relief.

Sponsors: Senators Hobbs, Murray, Kilmer and Shin; by request of Washington State Bar Association.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 2/16/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Staff: Juliana Roe (786-7438)

Background: Under current law, military service means a service member under a call to active service authorized by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Defense for a period of more than 30 consecutive days. Military service members and their dependents are provided protection against default judgments, judgments given as a result of the defendant's failure to appear.

Summary of Bill: Military service includes National Guard members under a call to emergency service authorized by the Governor for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

Protection against default judgments is provided to service members, their dependents, and National Guard members under a call to active service authorized by the Governor of the state of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill clears up oversights in the current statute. It includes National Guard members as those who can be protected against default judgments while they are away on active service.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Ken Luce, WSBA; Ted Wicorek, Veteran's Legislative Coalition.